

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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HARRISON FRANKLIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

GREGORY GRAMS, *et al.*,

Defendants.

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ORDER

11-cv-736-wmc

Plaintiff Harrison Franklin filed this civil action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, alleging an assortment of claims against numerous prison officials. After considering his initial pleadings, the court concluded that his complaint violated Fed. R. Civ. P. 18 and 20 by joining unrelated claims against different defendants. At that time, the court identified four distinct lawsuits and instructed Franklin to select one to pursue under this case number. (Dkt. # 22). In response to that order, Franklin again proposed a complaint that attempted to lodge an assortment of claims against multiple defendants.

On August 1, 2014, the court screened Franklin's submission as required by the Prison Litigation Reform Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b), and granted him leave to proceed with claims that the following defendants denied him adequate medical care in violation of the Eighth Amendment for diabetes and diabetes-related conditions, periodontal disease, a deviated septum, and mental health issues: Dr. Dalia Suliene, Warden Gregory Grams, Cynthia Thorpe, Assistant Warden Marc Clements, Lori Alsum, Barbara DeLap and Sergeant Joseph Harris. (Dkt. # 36.) The court denied Franklin leave to proceed with any of his other proposed claims.

Franklin has now filed a motion for leave to file an amended complaint. The proposed amended complaint (dkt. # 51) plainly seeks leave to join additional, unrelated claims and numerous defendants in a manner that violates the federal pleading rules found in Fed. R. Civ. P. 18 and 20. In that respect, the Seventh Circuit has emphasized that “[u]nrelated claims against different defendants belong in different suits.” *George v. Smith*, 507 F.3d 605, 607 (7th Cir. 2007). Therefore, the proposed complaint must be rejected based on improper joinder. *See id.* Likewise, the court notes that this case is now three years old due at least in part to repeated efforts by Franklin to avoid narrowing his claims. For these reasons, the court will not grant Franklin leave to amend at this late date.

#### ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff Harrison Franklin’s motion for leave to amend (dkt. # 50) is DENIED.

Entered this 18th day of November, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

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WILLIAM M. CONLEY  
District Judge